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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SISCO TESTIMONY

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1. AFP ITEM, AS QUOTED BY TUNISIAN PRESS AND REPORTED REFTEL, CONTAINS STATEMENT WHICH IS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING. IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH PRESS AND GOT OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT MR. SISCO'S TESTIMONY WAS A STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF USG POLICY ON QUESTIONS OF PALESTINIANS AND TERRORISM. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN OUR STAND ON THESE MATTERS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, DEPARTMENT WISHES TO DRAW EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO ALLEGED STATEMENT ABOUT "RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." RELEVANT PORTION OF MR. SISCO'S TESTIMONY IS AS FOLLOWS: "NOW INsofar AS YOUR QUESTION IS CONCERNED, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE
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DECISION WHATSOEVER IN TERMS OF HOW THE SO-CALLED

LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS WILL BE MET IN THE
CONTEXT OF ANY PEACE AGREEMENT. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT
THERE CAN'T BE A DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA UNLESS THE
INTERESTS OF ISRAEL, THE ARAB STATES AND THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE ARE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. I WOULD NOT WANT YOU
TO READ INTO THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED
ANY NEW POLICY IN THIS REGARD." SISCO

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